

Claim Anti-Castro Groups Wiped Out

Report Killing of a Rebel Named as CIA Spy in Cuba

HAVANA (UPI)—Government armed forces were reported Saturday to have wiped out three groups of anti-Castro rebels in Matanzas Province, which lies east of Havana.

Newspapers here reported that "units of the Cuban armed forces found, encircled and annihilated three counterrevolutionary bands in Matanzas Province Friday.

The newspapers said one of the "counterrevolutionary hands" was led by Juan Jose Catala Coste, nicknamed "Pichi." They said Catala Coste, reported among those killed, had been named by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency as chief of the "counterrevolutionary forces" in Matanzas.

The word "counterrevolutionary" is used for opponents of Premier Fidel Castro's regime.

THE NEWS dispatches said Catala Coste's band was the one that killed two children, 10 and 13 years old, and grave-

ly wounded their mother and two sisters near the village of Bolondron in Matanzas on Jan. 25.

Also killed in the raids, carried out by the armed forces in co-operation with the state security system, the dispatches said, were Luis Leon, alias "Leoncito," and Eulogio Garcia Mirable, alias "Roto," alleged leaders of the two other anti-Castro bands.

The government said the wiping out of the three bands marked a "hard blow" against the subversive plans of Yankee imperialism.

Earlier, a Cuban refugee who arrived in Miami from Havana said anti-Castro rebels had ambushed a militia unit in Las Villas Province last week and killed 130 men.

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